



GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13

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The following concurrent resolution was reported to the Senate from the House and ordered to be printed.

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION directing the staff of the Legislative Research
2 Commission to study municipal bankruptcy.

3 WHEREAS, recent high-profile local government defaults and bankruptcy filings in
4 Alabama, California, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island have brought heightened awareness
5 of municipal bankruptcy; and

6 WHEREAS, states may consider the possibility of credit downgrades for the entire
7 state due to the unhealthy financial health of its local governments; and

8 WHEREAS, 19 states have enacted laws allowing the state government to intervene
9 in a city, town, or county financial crisis; and

10 WHEREAS, a state is only as strong as its component parts, and vibrant, financially
11 stable communities are the building blocks of strong statewide economies and help
12 produce tax revenue that pours into state government coffers; and

13 WHEREAS, municipal bankruptcy provisions and intervention practices vary
14 among many states and further study may determine what method is best for the
15 Commonwealth;

16 NOW, THEREFORE,

17 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
18 *Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:*

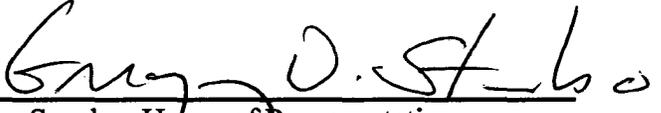
19 ➔Section 1. The staff of the Legislative Research Commission shall conduct a
20 study of municipal bankruptcy issues that shall include:

- 21 (1) An overview of federal and state municipal bankruptcy laws;
- 22 (2) A summary of bankruptcy laws in other states; and
- 23 (3) Prevention practices implemented in other states to address municipal bankruptcy.

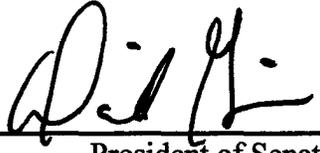
24 ➔Section 2. Staff shall transmit the results of the study to the Legislative
25 Research Commission for distribution to the appropriate interim joint committee or
26 committees by December 1, 2016.

27 ➔Section 3. Provisions of this Resolution to the contrary notwithstanding, the

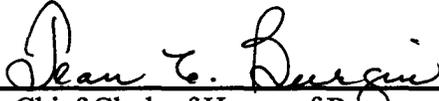
- 1 Legislative Research Commission shall have the authority to alternatively assign the
- 2 issues identified herein to an interim joint committee or subcommittee thereof and to
- 3 designate a study completion date.



Speaker-House of Representatives



President of Senate

Attest: 

Chief Clerk of House of Representatives

Approved 

Governor

Date 1 APRIL 2016